

REMARKS

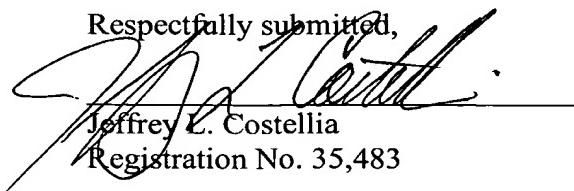
At the outset, the Applicant appreciates the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Final Office Action of September 22, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Claims 12, 13, 15-19, 21-24, 26-43, 46-58, 60, 61, 65-71, and 75-96 are currently pending. By this amendment, claims 12, 18, 23, 29, 34, 37, 41, 53, 55, and 58 are amended. Support for these amendments are provided in, at least, Figures 1A-17E and related text of the specification. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 12, 13, 15-19, 21-24, 26-43, 46-58, 60, 61, 65-71, and 75-96 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have amended claims 12, 18, 23, 29, 34, 37, 41, 53, 55, and 58 to obviate the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims and their respective dependent claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. As there are no prior art rejections pending in the instant Application, Applicants respectfully submit the claims are in condition for allowance.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

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